Navajo Abandoned Uranium Mine

Site Screen Report

This form is for use at the site of abandoned uranium mines (AUM) located on Navajo Nation lands. Applicable sites include all mine and mine features that have or have not undergone reclamation by the Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program, including features, adits, pits and waste piles. Applicable sites also include all AUM sites listed in the USEPA CERCLIS database, all sites listed in the 2008 AUM GIS Report issued by USACOE and USEPA, all AUM sites on allotment lands associated with the Navajo Nation, and any and all AUM sites not listed in any database located on Navajo lands. Reconnaissance of any sites located on lands adjacent to Navajo lands that may be impacting Navajo lands will need to be coordinated with the authorities appropriate to those lands.

The purpose of the form is to ascertain the status and location of the identified AUM site, and record all immediate site information associated with the mine site. Decisions and recommendations on what additional steps are needed will be provided on a separate document.

Mine Name: **Tract 17**Mine ID: **705**

Navajo AUM North Central Region

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Part I	Site Identification, Location and Status			
Site Names and ID numbers as applicable				
Mine ID:	705			
Map ID:	NC9			
CERCLIS:	NNN000909309			
Navajo Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program: None				
Local name / Aliases: None				
Chapter and local area: Shonto				
County: Nav	ajo S	State: AZ		
Lat/Long:	36.9437735495 N / -110.518272675 W			
Nearby road	and highway: Indian F	Route 6420 Local Post Office:	Oljato, AZ	
Surface Land Status: check one or more and provide ownership and contact information below				
Tribal Trust : Private Bureau of La State		Public lands Tribal Fee Land Allotment Fee land		
Subsurface Mineral Rights:				
No information on subsurface mineral rights ownership was found in the EPA/AUM Database.				
Claim and operator information:				

Historical documents identified the operator of the mine in 1957 as Phillips Petroleum Company, and from 1958 to 1959 as Inar Norgaard. No additional historical ownership / lease information was identified in the EPA / AUM database.

Number of residential structures within 200 feet of mine: Unknown

Part II Summary of Radiological Readings

Mine ID: 705

Highest gamma radiation measurement: None

Background Average: None Two Times Background: None

Describe any other radiological measurements:

Weston was unable to to access the site, no gamma radiation measurements were collected. A site map is shown in Figure 1.

Part III Status of Reclamation and Mine Waste

Mine ID: 705

The following information was obtained from the Navajo Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program (NAMLRP) Point Features Database:

NAMLRP Status of the mine site: Reclaimed: No Waste Pile onsite: No

NAMLRP Project Number: None

NAMLRP Mine features: None

The following information was obtained from field observations collected during the 2011 site screening:

Provide description and status of all mine sites and features at site. Include all waste piles, adits, pits and other features, and indicate whether they are open, closed, covered, capped, buried or unreclaimed. Indicate approximate size, shape and extent, including description of any reclamation caps. Note condition of all caps.

Observed reclamation work and status:

Adits:

None Observed

Waste Piles:

None Observed

Pits:

None Observed

Shafts:

None Observed

Other Debris and Mine Features:

None Observed

Part IV Site Observations and Environs

Observed Residential Structures (number and human habitation status of structures at the following distances from the mine site):

0 to 200 feet: None Observed

200 feet to 0.25 mile: None Observed

Observed Public or Commercial Structures (schools, clinics, Chapter Houses, places of business and any other structures used by members of the community at the following distances from the mine site):

0 to 200 feet: None observed

200 feet to 0.25 mile: None observed

Levels measured around the perimeter(s) of the identified structure(s):

None

Observed Water Sources (number and type of wells and surface water sources that are potentially used for human consumption at the following distances from the mine site):

0 to 0.25 miles: None Observed

0.25 miles to 4 miles: None Observed

Sensitive Environments (all sensitive environments located within visible range of the mine site, including: wetlands, endangered species, habitats and approximate locations of sites that may be under protection of the government of the Navajo Nation):

None observed

Known Site History (information from interviews with Chapter officials and residents and database review, includes: mine ownership, type of mining operation, period of operation, known amount of production, and any other information provided):

The Tract 17 mine claim consists of an area of 23,897 m². The mine was identified as being operational in 1959. While operational, the mine had a total reported production volume of 4,132 tons. No additional historical ownership / lease information was identified in the EPA / AUM database.

Part V Response Action Summary

Summary of Evaluation Factors:

Accessibility:

Was the mine easily accessible to potential human activity? No

Radiological Measurements:

Were any gamma radiation measurements collected at the mine greater than two times the site-specific background levels?

Unknown

Waste Piles:

Were any unreclaimed waste piles observed at the mine with gamma radiation measurements greater than two times the site-specific background levels? No

Structures:

Were any structures observed within 200 feet of the mine? Unknown

Potential Drinking Water Sources:

Were any potential drinking water sources observed within 4 miles of the mine? Unknown

Reclamation:

Was the mine reported to be previously reclaimed, or did the mine appear to be reclaimed?

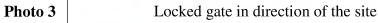
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Part VI Photos











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